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RETAINER RING FOR TRIPOD CONSTANT VELOCITY JOINTS

the specification of which:

☒ is attached hereto.
☐ was filed on _____ as Serial No. _____ and
was amended on _____ (*if applicable*).
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amended on _____ (*if applicable*).
☐ was filed on _____ as PCT International Application No. _____ and
was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (*if any*).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION	DATE OF FILING (day,month,year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119			
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I hereby claim the benefit pursuant to Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of the following United States provisional application(s):

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